

Remarks

Claims 1 - 9, 15, and 21 - 26 are pending. Claims 1- 9 and 15 have been allowed. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.


Applicants have added new claims 21 - 26 in view of the Office's assessment that while claims to a molded product would not be allowable due to only minor differences in the molded product composition *per se*, process of molding claims would be patentable. While Applicants believe that their specification satisfactorily distinguishes products of claims 10 - 14 and 16 - 20, Applicants have cancelled these claims to expedite prosecution. New claims 21 - 25 are substantially similar, compositionally, to crosslinkable composition claims 5 - 9, while claim 26 incorporates the limitation of the range of component (C) from page 16, paragraph 1 of the specification. No issue of new matter arises by virtue of the presentation of these claims.

Applicants submit that the claims are now in condition for Allowance, and respectfully request a Notice to that effect. If the Examiner believes that further discussion will advance the prosecution of the Application, the Examiner is highly encouraged to telephone Applicants' attorney at the number given below.

A check in the amount of \$120.00 is enclosed to cover the Petition fee. Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments as a result of the filing of this paper to our Deposit Account No. 02-3978.

Respectfully submitted,

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